

Introduced by Senator Blakeslee

February 23, 2012

An act to add Section 14632 to the Government Code, relating to the State Capitol Park, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1297, as introduced, Blakeslee. State Capitol Park: memorial plaque.

Existing law prescribes various duties for the Department of General Services in connection with development and maintenance of the park around the State Capitol Building. Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to plan and construct a memorial plaque in the State Capitol Park, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to honor California veterans who have fought and served in the War in Iraq. The bill would require the memorial plaque and its maintenance to be funded through private donations. The bill would require donations received by the Controller for those purposes to be deposited in the War in Iraq Memorial Plaque Fund, which the bill would create as a continuously appropriated fund for that purpose, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would prohibit construction or affixion of the memorial plaque until the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that sufficient private funding is available to construct the memorial plaque.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14632 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14632. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall plan and construct a memorial plaque in the State Capitol Park, in consultation with the department, to honor California veterans who have fought and served in the War in Iraq.

(b) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall consult with the department to identify an appropriate location for the memorial plaque.

(c) The Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the department, shall establish a schedule for the design, construction, and dedication of the memorial plaque, and shall hold an event for the dedication of the memorial plaque.

(d) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the department shall approve the design of the memorial plaque.

(e) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the department shall not begin construction or affixion of the memorial plaque until the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that sufficient private funding is available to construct the memorial plaque.

(f) The planning, construction, and maintenance of the memorial plaque shall be funded exclusively through private donations for that purpose. Donations received by the Controller shall be deposited into the War in Iraq Memorial Plaque Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340, moneys in the fund shall be continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes specified in this section, including maintenance.